



The String

Reagan Orchestra Booster Club

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REAGAN ORCHESTRA 2017-2018 YEAR IN REVIEW

The Reagan Orchestra Booster Club is so proud of our program for all they achieved together! Many thanks to the Directors, students, parents, and community for their contribution to a very successful year!

The Reagan Orchestra is a nationally-recognized, award-winning program for a reason. An average four-year Chamber Orchestra member who participated in the Region process and a musical will spend...

- 1,365 hours or 57 days or 2 months making music
- 60 hours for Region sectional rehearsals
- 70 hours of Chamber sectional rehearsals
- 112 hours of orchestra concerts
- 180 hours of Symphony Orchestra rehearsals
- 120 hours of musical rehearsals
- 48 hours of musical performances
- 208 hours of private lessons
- 567 hours of class time rehearsals (as a 4-yr senior member)

The Reagan Orchestra is the largest and most successful Orchestra Program in NEISD. In the last six years, the program has seen a 400% increase in graduating seniors who remained in the program their entire high school career.

AWARDS

All of the Reagan orchestras have a lot to celebrate this year with record awards and achievements!

- Seven orchestras performed rehearsed music and sight-reading music in the University Interscholastic League (UIL) competition with all seven earning Sweepstakes, the highest achievement.
- Two students performed with the Texas All-State ensembles, the highest honor a Texas music student can achieve. Both students competed among 68,000 students from around the state for these highly coveted seats.
- 42 students auditioned for the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) Region 12 Orchestra with 36 earning seats, an astonishing 30% Reagan representation on the elite Region Orchestra.
- 81 students auditioned for Texas State Solo and Ensemble Competition (TSSEC) with 27 solo students and five ensembles earning First Division recognition and advancing to the Texas state competition at UT Austin.

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PERFORMANCES

Performances are a great time for Directors and students to showcase their hard work and prepare for district and region auditions and competitions. Every performance is always flawless and breathtaking as the audience watches in awe at the amazing talent of this program. The Reagan Orchestra is also an important asset to the Fine Arts program by performing together as a Symphony Orchestra and by performing with choir, band, and theater in the Reagan Musical. The Reagan Orchestra also performs via community outreach inviting senior citizens to the concerts and performing for the public at other venues.

- Four orchestra concerts in the Fine Arts Auditorium attended by family, friends, and the community including Independence Hill and Independence Village residents.
- Young People's Concert attended by over 1,300 students with coverage by the NEISD Communications Dept.
- Orchestra holiday performance and spring solo/ensemble performances at Barnes & Noble Northwoods.
- Evening with Strings NEISD performance alongside the Reagan and Lee clusters.
- Five orchestral musical performances in Reagan High School's OKLAHOMA!

ACTIVITIES

There is no doubt that the Directors and students consider the orchestra program a second family. Activities are important to build a cohesive team in performance and competitions, but also to build those lifelong memories and relationships.

- Summer Camp
- Lifetime Lock-In Teambuilding Event
- Big and Little Reveal Party
- Halloween Party
- Holiday Party
- Game Night
- Orchestra Banquet
- Senior Dinner



Students team building during the 2017-2018 Summer Camp.



Reagan Orchestra hosted 1,300 elementary students from the Reagan cluster during the Young People's Concert.



Students prepare for rehearsed and sight-reading performances at UIL.



Reagan Orchestra sweeps UIL with SEVEN UIL Awards!



Reagan Orchestra performs alongside the rest of the Reagan Fine Arts department in OKLAHOMA!



Congratulations and good luck Class of 2018! Thanks for the memories!!

Thank you for a great year and have a great summer!!